

Amendments to the Claims

1. (previously presented) A method comprising:

- (a) deforming a first leaf spring portion integrally formed on a housing within a cash dispensing automated banking machine, releasing force holding a stripping member adjacent a rotatable sheet picking member;
- (b) subsequent to (a) moving the stripping member away from the picking member.

2. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1 and further comprising:

- (c) deforming a second leaf spring portion integrally formed on the housing releasing force holding a carry away member adjacent the picking member.

3. (previously presented) The method according to claim 2 and further comprising:

- (d) subsequent to (c) moving the carry away member away from the picking member.

4. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 3 and further~~ A method comprising:

- (a) deforming a first leaf spring portion integrally formed on a housing within a cash dispensing automated banking machine, releasing force holding a stripping member adjacent a rotatable sheet picking member;
- (b) subsequent to (a) moving the stripping member away from the picking member;
- (c) deforming a second leaf spring portion integrally formed on the housing releasing force holding a carry away member adjacent the picking member;
- (d) subsequent to (c) moving the carry away member away from the picking member; and
- (e) moving a resilient tab portion integrally formed with the housing, releasing a force holding the picking member in engagement with a drive shaft.

5. (previously presented) The method according to claim 4 and further comprising:

- (f) subsequent to (e) disengaging the picking member from engagement with the drive shaft.

6. (previously presented) The method according to claim 5 and further comprising:

- (g) subsequent to (e) disengaging the picking member from engagement with the tab portion.

7. (previously presented) The method according to claim 6 and prior to (a),

- (h) rotating the picking member in engagement with a stack of notes;
- (i) preventing notes in the stack other than the end note from moving relative to the stack through engagement of notes with the stripping member;
- (j) separating the end note bounding a stack of notes responsive to (h) and (i).

8. (previously presented) The method according to claim 7 wherein in (h) the picking member includes a central disk portion which includes a high friction arcuate portion and a projecting surface extending radially outward beyond the high friction arcuate portion and transversely adjacent thereto, wherein in (i) the projecting surface prevents deformation of a leading edge area of the end note due to forces applied by the high friction arcuate portion and the stripping member.

9. (previously presented) The method according to claim 7 wherein (a) includes disengaging the first leaf spring portion from operative engagement with a first shaft, wherein the stripping member is rotatable in supporting connection with the first shaft.

10. (previously presented) The method according to claim 9 wherein (c) includes disengaging the second leaf spring portion from operative engagement with a second shaft, wherein the carry away member is rotatable in supporting connection with the second shaft.

11. (currently amended) The method according to claim 10 wherein the picking member includes a picking shaft, ~~and~~

wherein (e) includes moving the tab portion outward relative to an axis of rotation of the picking shaft; and

wherein (f) includes disengaging an interengaging projection and recess one of which is on the picking shaft and the other of which is on the drive shaft.

12. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 11 wherein (f) includes disengaging an interengaging projection and recess one of which is on the picking shaft and the other of which is on the drive shaft~~ A method comprising:

- (a) moving one end of a picker shaft of an automated banking machine currency note picker into operative engagement with a resilient biasing tab integral with and formed on an automated banking machine housing portion, wherein the movement causes the tab to move relative to the housing portion; and
- (b) moving an opposite end of the picker shaft into operative engagement with a drive shaft, causing the picker shaft to be held in operative engagement with the drive shaft by a force of the tab biasing the picker shaft in a direction toward the drive shaft.

13. (previously presented) A method comprising:

- (a) moving a resilient biasing tab away from operative engagement with an end of a picker shaft of an automated banking machine currency note picker member,

wherein at least a portion of the tab is integral with and formed from an automated banking machine housing, wherein the movement causes the tab to move relative to the housing,

wherein the movement causes releasing of a tab force holding an opposite end of the picker shaft in engagement with an end of a picker member drive shaft;

- (b) subsequent to step (a), disengaging the picker shaft from engagement with the drive shaft.

14. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1 and prior to (a), further comprising:

- (c) receiving at least one input from a user through at least one input device on the automated banking machine;
- (d) rotating the picking member in engagement with the stack of notes in the machine, wherein rotation of the picking member causes at least one note to be moved from the stack.

15. (previously presented) The method according to claim 14 and subsequent to (d) and prior to (a) further comprising, dispensing the at least one note from the machine to the user.

16. (previously presented) A method comprising:

- (a) deforming a first leaf spring portion integrally formed on a housing within an automated banking machine, wherein deforming the first leaf spring portion is operative to enable a stripping member positioned to be in adjacent relation with a rotatable picking member, which when installed in the machine extends along a picking member axis, to be moved away from

the picking member axis;

- (b) subsequent to (a) moving the stripping member relatively away from the picking member axis.

17. (previously presented) A method comprising:

- (a) deforming a first leaf spring portion integrally formed on a housing of an automated banking machine, wherein deforming the first leaf spring portion is operative to enable a stripping member positioned to be in adjacent relation with a rotatable picking member, which picking member when installed in the machine extends along a picking member axis, to be moved away from the picking member axis;
- (b) subsequent to (a) moving the stripping member relatively away from the picking member axis;
- (c) prior to (b), operatively disengaging a first shaft in supporting connection with the stripping member, and the first leaf spring portion.

18. (previously presented) The method according to claim 16 wherein during (a) the picking member is installed in supporting connection with the housing, and further comprising:

- (c) disengaging the picking member from supporting connection with the housing.

19. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 18~~ A method comprising:

- (a) deforming a first leaf spring portion integrally formed on a housing within an automated banking machine, wherein deforming the first leaf spring portion is operative to enable a stripping member positioned to be in adjacent relation with a rotatable picking member installed in supporting connection with the housing and extending along a picking member axis, to be moved away from the picking member axis;
- (b) subsequent to (a) moving the stripping member relatively away from the picking member axis; and
- (c) disengaging the picking member from supporting connection with the housing, wherein (c) includes including deforming a tab portion integrally formed on the housing, wherein a picking shaft of the picking member is generally in supporting connection with the tab portion, and portion, and disengaging the picking shaft from the tab portion and a drive shaft.

20. (previously presented) The method according to claim 16 and further comprising:

- (c) deforming a second leaf spring portion integrally formed on the housing, wherein deforming the second leaf spring portion is operative to enable a carry away member positioned to be in adjacent relation with the picking member to be moved away from the picking member axis.